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SUBJECT: 58TH ECOSOC: ITEM 11, POPULATION MATTERS

REFERENCE: A) USUN 1307; B) USUN 1294;

C) REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON POPULATION

QUESTIONS - E/5670 OF 28 APRIL 1975;

D) STATE 105346; E) USUN 1514, PARA 4

1. ECOSOC PLENARY A.M. 6 MAY SPEEDILY CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION REPORT OF ECONOMIC COMITE, REF C, AS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CASE IN ECONOMIC COMITE, BY ADOPTING WITHOUT VOTE THE THREE RESOLUTIONS AND SEVEN DECISIONS CONTAINED IN E/5670 AND SUMMARIZED IN REF A. EARLIER IN DAY PLENARY HAD HAD OCCASION DISCUSS DRAFT RES III, INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, IN CONNECTION WITH ITS CONSIDERATION CLOSELY RELATED DRAFT RES VI, ENTITLED MIGRANT WORKERS CONTAINED IN E/5664, REPORT OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE (SEE REFS B) D) AND E)).

2. JUST BEFORE PLENARY TOOK UP DRAFT RES III, ECOSOC SECRETARY (CORDOVEZ) TOOK FLOOR INDICATE THAT AFTER FURTHER REVIEW (SEE PARA 2 OF REF B)) SECRETARIAT NOW BELIEVED WOULD BE NO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR UN SECRETARIAT FOLLOWING FROM RESOLUTION IF MEETINGS AD HOC GROUP HELD IN UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IF GROUP MET IN GENEVA

OR ELSEWHERE.

3. FOLLOWING PLENARY DISPOSITION DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
AND DECISIONS, EXPLANATION OF VOTES MADE BY THE USSR,
FRANCE FRG AND THE US WITH FRENCH, FRG AND US RESERVATIONS LIMITED
TO DRAFT RESOLUTION III - INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION.

A) USSR SAID IF RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL
MIGRATION HAD COME TO VOTE USSR WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED.
WOULD ALSO HAVE ABSTAINED ON FIFTH DECISION, (CONCISE
REPORT OF WORLD POPULATION SITUATION), SAID IN
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, HIS DELEGATION HAD ENTERED RESER-
VATIONS CONCERNING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF RESOLU-
TION ON PROGRAMME OF WORK ON THE COMMISSION, AND MAIN-
TAINED THOSE RESERVATIONS. USSR WOULD EXPLAIN ITS
POSITION IN ACABQ.

B) FRANCE SAID IF THERE HAD BEEN VOTE ON RES III
WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED BECAUSE IT NOT CONVINCED
ESTABLISHED OF AD HOC GROUP WITHIN FRAMEWORK ACC
WAS BEST WAY PROCEED (BELIEVING INTER ALIA THAT IT
MIGHT PRODUCE NEEDLESS OVERLAPPING WITH WORK BEING
DONE BY ILO) AND DESPITE ASSURANCES OF SECRETARIAT
TO CONTRARY, BELIEVE RESOLUTION LIKELY WOULD HAVE
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

C) FRG RESERVATION CLOSELY MIRRORED THAT OF
FRANCE.

D) US ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH FRENCH COMMENTS
QUESTIONING NEED FOR AD HOC GROUP AND POSSIBLE FINAN-
CIAL IMPLICATIONS BUT WITHOUT STATING WHAT WOULD HAVE
DONE IF HAD BEEN A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION. FYI.
REF D WHICH CLOSELY MIRRORS U.S. RESERVATION
RECEIVED TWO HOURS AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ITEM CONCLUDED
IN PLENARY.
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